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## REMARKS

This response amends Claims 17, 27, 28, and 30 and cancels Claims 1-8 and 10-15. Thus, after entry of this response, Claims 17-22 and 27-31 are pending and presented for further consideration.

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Lee for the interview extended to John R. King and Alan Kraemer. Applicant believes that the interview was helpful in better understanding the basis of the rejection.

As discussed in the interview, Applicant has amended Claims 28 and 30 as suggested by Examiner Lee. In addition, Applicant has amended Claim 17 and 29.

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Although the present communication may include alterations to the application or claims, or characterizations of claim scope or referenced art, Applicant is not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application.

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## CONCLUSION

Applicant has endeavored to address all of the Examiner's concerns as expressed in the interview. In light of the above remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections is specifically requested.

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Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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